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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown:

Please delete the paragraph on page 51, lines 20-25 and replace it with the following paragraph:

--Figure 3G shows the comparison (ClustalW (1.83) protein sequence alignment analysis) of human and *Drosophila* proteins. Gaps in the alignment are presented as -. In the figure 'PSAP Hs' refers to human prosaposin (SEQ ID NO: 2), 'FLJ40379 Hs' refers to human hypothetical protein FLJ40379 (SEQ ID NO: 6), 'SFTPB Hs' refers to human surfactant, pulmonary-associated protein B (SEQ ID NO: 4), and 'Sap-r Dm' refers to *Drosophila* Saposin-related protein (SEQ ID NO: 7).--